

ESTABLISHED 1861

MANY TRAINS ANNULLED ON PENNSYLVANIA LINES

FLORIDA HOTELS GO UP IN SMOKE

As Well as Other Property at a Loss Estimated at Half Million Dollars.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., April 2.—Fire today destroyed five tourists' hotels, the county court house and a number of residences here. So far as is known no lives were lost though many guests at the Florida house, the Munson house and the Atlantic and Central hotels, which were destroyed, escaped scantly clad and had not time to save their personal belongings.

Property damage is estimated at between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Nearly two blocks near the waterfront were destroyed. For a time the business section of the city was endangered but the flames were checked by local firemen and a section of the Jacksonville fire department, which arrived on a special train.

The fire originated in the kitchen of the Florida house, a large wooden structure and spread rapidly. The first alarm was turned in at 1 o'clock. Firemen first turned their attention to rescuing the guests at the Florida, many of whom were carried down ladders. Occupants of the other hotels were warned of the danger and many fled into the street without any attempt to save their personal belongings. The burned section was bounded by Charlotte, Treasury, Hypocrite and St. George streets.

Two persons were injured. An unidentified woman sustained a lacerated neck when she plunged from the third story of a residence. A Libby, a guest of the Florida, broke a leg in leaping from the second floor of the hotel. He will recover.

The Vedder house, a famous landmark, containing valuable curios, was among the buildings destroyed. A company of militia today guarded the burned section to prevent looting.

WORKING MODEL

Of a Colliery is Installed and Operated at National Museum at Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—To acquaint those who know little of anything of the working of a coal mine, the national museum here has installed an immense working model of a colliery and today began operations. Down to the minutest detail, the model, a miniature colliery it should be called, for it is one-twelfth actual size and occupies a space of thirty by forty feet, and all parts are faithfully represented. The various processes which coal passes through, such as tippage, washery, coke ovens and et cetera are illustrated and the miniature plant is operated for five minutes ever half hour throughout the day.

AGAIN JAILED

On a Lunacy Charge is William Tate, of Wilsonburg.

William Tate, of Wilsonburg, who has twice been jailed under lunacy charges, is again in the county jail on a like charge. He was arrested late Wednesday afternoon in a street of the city by Policeman O. D. McClelland, who found him acting in a strange manner.

The city authorities turned Tate over to the county authorities and the policeman preferred a lunacy charge against him in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court, where he will be given a hearing at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

MILEAGE BOOKS

At Two Cents a Mile Are Not Sold Now by a Railroad in Maine.

BOSTON, April 2.—The Main Central railroad today discontinued the sale of 1,000 mile mileage books at two cents a mile. In a letter to Governor Haines the president of the railroad says the discontinuance of the two-cent traffic was necessary if the road was to continue to pay six per cent dividends.

BITTEN BY DOGS

Members of a Children's Party Are Rushed to a Hospital for Treatment.

PITTSBURGH, April 2.—Mrs. Robert Duncan, her daughter, Elizabeth, and five of the latter's guests at a children's party yesterday afternoon were today hurried to the pathological department of a hospital when it became known that two Chinese dogs, by which the seven had been bitten, showed signs of rabies. The dogs, valued at \$1,000, attacked one of the little girls and the others were bitten while trying to save her.

MINER KILLED

By a Heavy Fall of Slate in a Coal Mine at Mount Clare.

Funeral services over the remains of Manuel Albetta, aged 22 years, a Spanish miner employed by the Marshall Mining Company at its Mt. Clare mine, who was instantly killed late Wednesday evening, when he was caught under a fall of slate while at his work, were held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Lynch-Osborn Undertaking Company's mortuary chapel and the burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

Albetta was employed in the mines and was at his work shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a piece of slate fell from the roof of the mine crushing him to instant death. Fellow workmen hearing the noise of the falling slate rushed into the room, but could not help Albetta any as he was under the main part of the fall. A large force of men set to work at once to remove the debris from off his remains and it was not until 5 o'clock this morning that the last piece of slate was removed.

The deceased man is survived by his parents and several brothers, all residing in the old country.

KILLS WIFE

And Then Himself with Revolver Because He Thinks Himself Going Blind.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 2.—Hearing four revolver shots in quick succession early today, a policeman and a night watchman broke into a house in West Philadelphia and found Alexander Glaser, 30 years old, and his wife, Julia, 28, dead from bullet wounds. In the house they also found lying the couple's two sons, six and eight, unharmed. Neighbors said the husband feared he was going blind, and the police believe that this disarranged his mind and led him to kill his wife and himself.

THREE ARE JAILED

Mr. and Mrs. Orbin Tautt and Thomas Polish, all of the Waldo mine settlement at Wilsonburg, are in the county jail awaiting hearings in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court on charges of being drunk and disorderly there. They were arrested and placed in jail Wednesday evening by Constable Robert McClelland at the instance of Rufus Powell.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH

Funeral services over the body of John Stahura, aged five months, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stahura, of Despard Mine, who died at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after a short illness of pneumonia, were held at the church of the Holy Rosary at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and the burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

WANT WATER WORKS

Residents of Northview held a mass meeting last night for the purpose of taking preliminary steps to install and operate a water system there.

FIRST INFORMATION GOES TO OWNERS

Of Lands Where Minerals Are Discovered So as to Protect against Speculators.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM.)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 2.—West Virginia landowners will hereafter be protected against speculators when geologic resources of value are discovered underlying their properties and the landowners will be given the first information of such values. Such an order was entered today by the West Virginia state geological survey commission upon motion of Governor Henry D. Hatfield.

Heretofore such reports have not been given the landowners. Where valuable mineral deposits were discovered the information was held until official reports were made and often times capitalists and speculators got the information in advance of the owners of the land and in some instance the owner sold his property without knowing its value.

The commission consists of Governor Hatfield, State Treasurer E. L. Long, Director E. B. Sanderson, of the College of Agriculture, and State Geologist I. C. White. The following appointments were announced by the commission: Chief Clerk, J. L. Williams; to Succeed Earl M. Hennen; stenographer, Reitz C. Tucker; Prof. George P. Grimsley was employed on half time to assist the state geologist.

East and West of City of Pittsburgh as a Forced Economic Measure.

EMPLOYEES FURLOUGHED

Curtailement of Working Forces Throws Thousands of Men into Idleness.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—In pursuance of the retrenchment plan made public last week, the Pennsylvania railroad today annulled 118 passenger trains on the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie and a large number on the western lines. The 118 trains discontinued on the eastern line include the sixty-two specifically named in the original announcement and others formerly operated in connection with them and are in addition to the twenty-six discontinued some weeks ago when cutting down in passenger service first started.

The financial saving on the eastern lines, it is estimated, will run close to two million dollars per year, should the curtailment be enforced that long. On the western lines it is roughly calculated the economy will effect a similar saving.

About 500 employees in this city were furloughed yesterday for various periods and it was said the number of men already under suspension and those to be laid off within the next month would total 25,000 on the lines east and 15,000 west of Pittsburgh.

MANY MEN ARE LAID OFF WEST OF PITTSBURGH TOO.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

PITTSBURGH, April 2.—Retrenchment on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh as announced by the general offices here today has already taken the form of twenty-five passenger trains with twenty-five more to be annulled April 5. Reduction in working forces began last night and on January 1 last 13,000 less men were employed than on the corresponding date of the year before. Since then there has been some further reduction until the working force is now down to what the officials describe as "bed rock."

KING ALFONSO

In a Speech from the Spanish Throne Alludes to the Outrages in Mexico.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRID, Spain, April 2.—In his speech from the throne at the opening of the Spanish Parliament today, King Alfonso alluded to the outrages of which Spaniards and citizens of other countries had been victims in Mexico. The Spanish government, he said, had sought and was continuing to seek for a method by which Spaniards and their property in Mexico would be protected. The presence of Spanish warships at Vera Cruz, he continued, demonstrated the solicitude of the Spanish government for the lives and interests of Spanish subjects.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

BUTLER, Pa., April 2.—Ora Kiser, A. J. Johnson and H. A. Giehrer were killed and W. E. Cranmer was injured when a motor truck car was struck by a Pittsburgh Passenger and Lake Erie railroad train at Oneida near here today. The men were employed as track repairers.

NOT GUILTY.

A criminal court jury has returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of John Reskies, tried on the charge of carrying a dirk.

TOLLS QUESTION TO BE UP IN CAMPAIGN

OPINION

Of the Supreme Court is That it is Not Improper to Accept Money from Both.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM.)

CHARLESTON, April 2.—That it is not improper for a person to accept money from both the vendor and vendee, is held in an opinion written by Judge Poffenberger in the case of Peters vs. Riley, which went up from the circuit court of Mingo county in which the decree of the lower court was affirmed.

"A mere middle-man in a sale of land may consistently accept compensation for his services from both vendor and vendee," says the opinion.

"Instructions requiring the jury to find a formal contract of employment of the plaintiff in action of assumpsit for compensation for services as agent in a sale of land, as a condition precedent to his right of recovery, is properly refused, when the evidence tends to prove facts from which the law raises a promise to pay for the services rendered," is given as one of the points in the syllabus.

"Proof of a declaration of intention by an agent or broker is a sale of land, to withhold from his principal or clients, the vendor, information as to the quality of the land, without proof of actual suppression of the information or the vendor's ignorance of the fact, the sale having been made by the agent and the agent having acted as a mere middleman in the transaction, does not justify the giving of an instruction propounding an injury as to bad faith on the part of the agent."

Another point held in this case is that a vendor who has rendered his ability to an agent for services rendered him in the sale by acceptance thereof, with knowledge of the agent's expectation of recompense, cannot avoid it by a mere notice or warning of his purpose not to pay, given on the occasion of the signing of an option fixing the price and terms of sale.

In affirming the decree of the circuit court of Doddridge county in the case of the Carnegie Natural Gas Company vs. the Carter Oil Company, Judge Robinson in writing the opinion of the supreme court, rendered Tuesday, held that "when general boundaries are so given in the description of land that the owner either the intention of concealment or the exclusion of it, and to that extent the description is ambiguous or uncertain, the number of acres which the parties have fixed in describing the land may be looked to in defining the boundary. Parol evidence of declarations made or intentions held by the parties prior to the execution of a writing or at the time thereof, are inadmissible for interpretation of its meaning."

SPRING WORK QUITE ACTIVE

Farmers and Gardeners Are Preparing Their Ground for Planting Time.

Signs of spring are multiplying and they can be seen at every turn. In the country, farmers and gardeners are preparing their land for the time when it will be planting time and much of the heavy plowing has already been done, but there is much other preliminary work before planting can be undertaken except in the small way.

In the city it is easy to guess that spring has arrived and owners of lawns by the score can be seen at work every afternoon and evening with rake or other implement cleaning up lawns and getting the flower plots ready for the time when it will be safe to plant.

Hundreds are sowing grass seed and in other ways are preparing the struggling lawns. Local dealers in grass seed say there has been an unusual demand in the last few days and evidently, quite a number of lawns must have been frozen out by the severe winter and through the carelessness of the owner in not giving some sort of protection.

Thousands of packages of government seeds, flower and vegetable, have been received in the city the past two weeks and there has been a brisk demand for these because people are just beginning to realize they are available. Many packages came addressed direct to persons, but several big bundles in which were many individual packages, have been distributed.

It seems to be the general opinion that when spring opens up, it will stick. This opinion is largely based on the fact that there has been an unusually severe winter, which to many is the sign of an early spring and certain it is that the signs indicate a good growing year and things have been held back by the cold and they will escape some of the late frosts at least.

SEALING VESSEL'S CREW IN BLIZZARD

And 170 of the Men Die at Sea from Exposure Experienced.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CURLING, N. F., April 2.—Reports received here today state that a sealing steamer, New Foundland, was lost off Cape Race and the greater part of her crew of 170 men perished.

No word has been received of the steamer, Southern Cross, reported in trouble in the same vicinity.

Rescue ships have picked up fifty bodies of the crew of the New Foundland.

ITALIAN FINED.

For breaking beer bottles in Sixth street yesterday, thereby endangering automobile and motorcycle tires, Steve Coleser, an Italian, was fined \$11.60 by Mayor Will H. Cole in police court Thursday morning. Coleser pleaded that he was intoxicated when he broke the bottles in the street but the mayor held that this excuse was not sufficient.

ROUTE EXTENDED.

The postoffice department has issued an order extending rural route No. 1 at Bristol, so as to benefit thirteen additional families.

COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The republican county executive committee has been called to meet at the court house at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 4, to issue a call for district meetings for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Charleston convention May 30.

HIGHER WAGES ADD TO COST

PANAMA

Canal Zone Government Begins Operation with Colonel Goethals at the Head.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

PANAMA, April 2.—The Panama Canal Zone began business today under a permanent form of government.

The Isthmian Canal Commission, which has governed the zone during the construction of the waterway, was dissolved, and a civil administration, semi-military in character, was established.

Colonel George W. Goethals, by appointment of the president of the United States, became its first governor. His inauguration was remarkable. There were no ceremonies, no speeches, no display.

In his office on the top of Culebra hill, overlooking the now famous cut of that name, Col. Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, simply began his day's work under a new title, Governor and Chief of the Department of Operation and Maintenance.

In the big cut below, while the colonel figuratively transferred his power from one hand to another, the steam dredges were tearing away at the foot of Currachoa slide, and the foot of Currachoa slide, and the route of the canal. There were no extra flags flying, no outward show of any kind that the government of the zone was undergoing any changes. These were changes in name only, so far as most of the canal workers were concerned. Ever since Col. Goethals became the guiding spirit of the work he has been the "benevolent despot" of the isthmus, and there are few new faces in the group of men who have found a place in the permanent government.

The list has been announced as follows:

- Engineer of maintenance—Col. Harry F. Hodges, of the army engineers.
- Superintendent of transportations—Captain Hugh Rodman, United States Navy.
- Electrical engineer—Captain W. H. Rose—United States Army engineers.
- Captains for the terminal ports—Commander D. E. Dismukes and Lieutenant Commander Henry V. Butler, United States Navy.
- Superintendent of ships and dry docks—Naval Constructor D. C. Nix.
- General purchasing officer—Major F. C. Braggs, army engineers.
- General quartermaster—Captain R. B. Wood, United States cavalry, temporarily pending reorganization of the supply department.

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ADAMS IS ACQUITTED.

George Adams, the East End youth who was recently jailed on a charge of breaking into the White House saloon on East Pike street and stealing beer from a keg therein, was acquitted when tried Wednesday evening in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court, there being no evidence to sustain the charge.

TO INSTALL OFFICERS.

Owing to the city election, the Clarksburg lodge of Elks will hold its next regular weekly meeting Wednesday night instead of Tuesday night. Officers for the year will be installed that night with Dr. John S. Stone as the new elected ruler, succeeding Charles F. Kester.

Of Operating Pennsylvania Lines and Steel Cars is Another Heavy Cause.

CHARGE MUCH GREATER

In Fact Everything Connected with Operation is More Expensive Than Formerly.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President Rea of the Pennsylvania system was the last witness to be heard today before the Interstate Commerce Commission on behalf of the eastern railroads asking for an increase in freight rates. Oral testimony for the roads was concluded with his statement.

Chairman Harlan and Commissioners Clark and Meyer were on the bench to hear the testimony of the Austria-Hungarian ambassador, and his guest, Prince Munster, of Dornburg, were interested auditors.

J. T. Wallis, general superintendent of motive power of the Pennsylvania, interrogated by Clifford Thorne, explained that steel cars and heavier locomotives had induced an increase in repair costs while higher wages materially had added to that item of expense.

J. S. Rogers, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania, testified that charges to operate the Pennsylvania system east of Pittsburgh were \$24,855,624 in 1910 and \$29,411,210 in 1913, an increase of 18 3-10 per cent. He said that expenses for maintenance of way during 1913 were much greater than ever before and probably would remain in the present high level because of large increases in wages; the policy of regulatory bodies, increased demands of the traveling and shipping public, the necessity for a higher standard of track structure and roadbed, on account of heavier equipment and from the policy of eliminating grade crossing establishing various safety devices; straightening lines and similar work. He indicated also the higher cost of rails, ties and materials used in deepening roadbeds. He dwelt particularly upon the cost of appliances demanded both by law and public sentiment.

President Rea said emphatically in a carefully prepared statement that not only the Pennsylvania but all American railroads were confronted with the necessity of serious unless they were permitted to increase their net incomes. Said he:

"Unless the gap between the receipts and expenditures can be widened we must begin to retrench and retrenchment must begin with means and improvements not directly necessary to the movement of trains. We should be reluctant to do this as it would be to run counter to our traditions and practices of half a century and we are sure that it would not be in the public interest and we do not believe the public desires it."

President Rea concluded his direct statement with the following comparison of the condition of the railroad in 1898 and 1913: "In 1898 the company was emerging from a period of prolonged and very severe depression whereas in 1913 it was at the apex of a great period of growth. It would be natural under ordinary circumstances that the owners of the property should find themselves very much better off in 1913 than they were in 1898."

In the fifteen years between 1898 and 1913 the company had the benefit of the following:

- "An advance in certain commodity rates."
- "The abolition of rebates."
- "The expenditure of hundreds of millions of capital for improvement and enlargement of facilities and equipment."
- "A consequent great improvement in efficiency and use of plant."

COLORED VOTERS

Are to Hold a Big Mass Meeting Friday Evening on Water Street Here.

A call has been issued for a mass meeting of the colored voters of the city to be held in the basement of the Mt. Zion Baptist church on Water street at 8 o'clock Friday evening. The call is signed by Dr. Edward Jones, J. W. Strange, Aaron Wilson, P. H. Lowery, W. B. Ruffin, J. W. Washington, F. C. Robinson, J. H. Nelson and W. M. Anderson.

STYLE SHOW

For Spring and Summer at Nussbaum's Stores Arresting Wide Attention.

The spring and summer styles for men are now gathered together at M. A. Nussbaum's, incorporated, one of the leading men's clothing stores in Clarksburg. It is indeed a rare treat to see this style show. Men who follow the trend of fashion should by all means visit this popular store and see the newest style creations. The clothing department is particularly interesting. The new models, especially for young men, are fascinating. They represent the highest ideals of master tailors. Many exclusive patterns are shown.

Modern and progressive methods are always adopted by this energetic firm, in keeping with the high standard of merchandise on sale. A stringent rule followed at all times by this firm is "Honesty in Advertising." When Nussbaum's advertises anything, you can place full confidence in it.